

**Citizens Advisory Committee  
Intermodal Subcommittee**

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**Michigan Municipal League Lansing Office  
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H  
Lansing, MI**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 27, 2008**

**Start time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Brent Bair (for Robert Struck\*), Mickey Blashfield\* (by phone), Gloria Coombs\*, Dan DeGraaf, Gretchen Driskell, Bill Gehman\*, Russ Gronevelt, Jim Klett, Sylvester Payne\*, Steward Sandstrom

**Members Absent:** Mike Fikes, Kirk Steudle

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Sandstrom. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mr. Sandstrom as subcommittee chairperson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Sandstrom outlined the proposed agenda. The agenda was amended and approved unanimously.

Mr. Sandstrom offered opportunity for public comment, but none was forthcoming.

Each subcommittee chairperson provided an overview of the work accomplished to this point in identifying needs and outlining good, better and best scenarios.

Mr. Sandstrom led a discussion aimed at identifying definitions for good, better, best and do nothing scenarios that all subcommittees can use in preparing their reports. It was noted that a common problem is matching federal aid, but simply matching federal aid will still not be good enough, as highway condition, for example, will continue to deteriorate at that level of funding.

The subcommittee identified the following definitions of do-nothing, good, better, and best that all subcommittees should use:

Do Nothing – The status quo that assumes no change in policy and is likely to entail the continued erosion of the state’s ability to meet federal-aid and continued deterioration of infrastructure and service levels. Subcommittees should attempt to quantify this scenario.

Good – Involves maintaining our current transportation infrastructure, and making modest improvements to the infrastructure that will help reduce congestion, attract new

business, and provide consistent and reliable service in all modes. Subcommittees should attempt to quantify this scenario.

Better – This scenario involves going beyond making modest improvements in our current transportation system and involves taking steps toward building a future rather than maintaining a past. Subcommittees should attempt to quantify this scenario.

Best – A vision for the future. This scenario is likely not quantifiable under the current CAC reporting deadline. Instead it should be captured in a narrative. This vision should be designed to elevate the transportation conversation from simply playing catch-up to thinking about what we need to do to attract a better future. Mrs. Driskell will coordinate that discussion with the subcommittee chairs.

Mr. Sandstrom led a discussion of potential overlapping issues that may be counted in the needs estimates that are produced by more than one CAC subcommittee. The discussion also explored other issues that may not be covered by any of the CAC subcommittees.

Mr. Sandstrom led a discussion of other elements that each subcommittee should include in their report to the TF2. Each report should include a one-page executive summary that outlines the modes' economic importance and the cost of do-nothing, good, and better, as well as the vision for the best. The summary should be clear, concise and to the point and should leave the reader with an understanding of what's at stake.

End Time: 4 p.m.